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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Interstate 80 "Across the Top" Project Website Now Online

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced today that a dedicated website for the Interstate 80 "Across the Top" project in Sacramento is now available. Motorists can sign up for email updates at **80AcrossTheTop.com** or follow the project at **twitter.com/80AcrossTheTop.** 

"Keeping daily commuters and travelers informed about driving through the Sacramento I-80 corridor is our responsibility and that is why this website is a vital part of that effort," said Caltrans District 3 Director, Amarjeet Benipal.

Additional ramp closures are scheduled this week, beginning Oct. 17 through Nov. 19. The 32-day partial ramp closures are being scheduled to complete construction work before the Thanksgiving holiday, and when completed, will allow the public access to a fourth eastbound lane on I-80. More information on this construction work can be found at 80AcrossTheTop.com.

The \$133.3 million project will construct about 10 miles of bus/carpool lanes in both directions, repave the highway from east of Sacramento River Bridge to Watt Avenue and add approximately one mile of new auxiliary lanes from West El Camino Avenue to the Interstate 80/Interstate 5 interchange.

The project received nearly \$54 million in funding from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$17 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes.

Bay Cities Inc. of Concord and C.C. Myers Inc. of Rancho Cordova are the primary contractors for this project. The anticipated completion date is spring 2016. Caltrans urges motorists to use caution in this area and "Be Work Zone Alert" and to "Slow for the Cone Zone."





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